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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN MARTIN COUNTY CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

Public Health touches our lives everyday

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Martin County, FL – This week, April 1 – 7, the Florida Department of Health in Martin County is acknowledging National Public Health Week (NPHW). NPHW presents an opportunity for communities across the United States to reflect on the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving our health.

Public health professionals across Martin County make it their life's work to help keep people and communities healthy - from better maternal and child health to improvements in disease control and prevention to addressing environmental concerns and emergency preparedness.

"Our team is dedicated to protecting, promoting and improving health throughout our community," said Carolann Wegener-Vitani, Interim Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health in Martin County. "We work to collaborate with our community partners to identify issues, improve programs and strengthen our local Public Health system to ensure access and equitable health for our residents."

In Martin County, the [Community Health Improvement Plan \(CHIP\)](#) is designed to address specific opportunities for improved health that have been identified by the community. The department has partnered with many stakeholders to implement the CHIP and collaborates regularly to track progress.

Implemented in 2016, as part of a five-year plan, Martin County CHIP partnership members continue to make strides in the areas of raising awareness about existing Health and Human Services Programs, supporting School Health, reducing Obesity rates and supporting healthy lifestyles.

In April 2019, DOH-Martin will recognize National STD Awareness Month by hosting a series of outreach events to provide testing, education and counseling as well as encourage prevention. Public Health programs and services can be found at: www.MartinCountyHealth.com

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